

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Inventor(s): ESCH et al.
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

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REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Date: June 25, 2002

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated herinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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2. Total Effective Claims		3	**minus 20	0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0	103/203
3. Independent Claims		1	***minus 3	0	x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$0	102/202
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5. Original due Date: December 16, 2002		<input type="checkbox"/> NONE					
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11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)					+ \$740/370	+ \$0	146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b).....					x \$740/370 ea	+ \$0	149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)					+ \$740/370	+ \$0	1179/1279
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Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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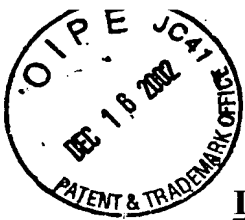
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This is in response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2002. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following remarks.